

NEWCOM TAVERN
Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio

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NEWCOM TAVERN ("OLD LOG CABIN")
Dayton- Montgomery County, Ohio.

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OWNER: Dayton Historical Society. (President,
George B. Smith, Dayton, Ohio).

DATE OF ERECTION: 1796

ARCHITECT: None

PRESENT CONDITION: In very good state of preservation. In 1896 the D.A.R. restored it to its original condition and moved it from its original site at the S.W. corner of Main St. and Monument Ave to its present position in Van Cleve Park on the south bank of the Great Miami River and on the south side of Monument Ave.

NUMBER OF STORIES: Two.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Built chiefly of oak logs, chinked with lime mortar. Roof of hand split oak shakes. Floors of random width boards. Stairs of Beech logs. Walls and ceiling not plastered.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Report on the Tavern and its history by the W.P.A. Writers' Project.

ADDITIONAL DATA : A marker in front of the building by the "Ohio Revolutionary Memorial Commission" reads: " Newcom Tavern, Dayton's first Tavern and Court House. In the War of 1812, it was quartermaster's headquarters, Col. Robert Patterson, commanding. Restored by the D.A.R. for Historical Society Museum. " The sign on the river side of the house says, " Newcom Tavern. Built 1796. First Hotel. Army headquarters, War of 1812. Museum, Pioneer Relics inside."

In 1803 when Ohio's first provincial assembly established Montgomery County, they designated this building as the seat of justice. In the early years it also served as the first school house, first church, and first post office.

It was built by Col. George Newcom of Wayne's Army in 1796. It was later owned by Joseph Shaffer who acquired it in 1836. It was covered with clapboards in the 1840's. Sold in 1891 to John Cotterill and then to Charles Insco. Williams who disposed of it to the Dayton Historical Society just before the Dayton Centennial Cele-

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bration of 1896, at which time it was removed to its present location and restored. The clapboards were removed at this time.

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